



Chapter 3: Other strategies

3.1: Transportation

Vision

Develop an efficient and effective transportation system that balances vehicles, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian opportunities within the community. In the process, our intent is to resolve parking and access conflicts between commuter, resident, and commercial users along Delridge Way transforming this major roadway into an aesthetic gateway into our community.

Please note that transportation related issues are integral to the key strategy of creating neighborhood anchors in Delridge (See Section 2.2). Consequently, transportation recommendations are included within each neighborhood anchor and are not listed in this section. Neighborhood wide recommendations and recommendations that are outside of the four neighborhood anchors are listed in this section.

Goal 1: Transit

A community that provides public access systems that conveniently meets local travel requirements within the local neighborhood and to principal employment, shopping, and entertainment activities in the surrounding area.

Objectives

- Satisfy local travel needs within the Delridge planning area, particularly between residential areas, major commercial and employment districts within the surrounding Seattle and Duwamish River region (see Section 2.2 for specific recommendations).
- Locate park-n-ride lots in areas that are accessible to transit routes and local residential collectors, but don't unnecessarily congest arterial roads or Delridge Way intersections. Create attractive multi-use park-and-ride lots that attract transit riders and also serve as off-peak period recreational trailheads (see Section 2.2 for specific recommendations).

Goal 2: Roadways

A road network grid that establishes class and function, improves standards, and resolves parking and access conflicts for the Delridge planning area.

Objectives

- Protect the functional viability of arterial roadways, like Delridge Way, during commuting periods from land use development and local street access patterns. Protect the functional viability and traffic carrying capacity of the major arterial network from local, street connections, curb-cuts, and on and off-street parking areas.
- Maintain effective right-of-way, pavement widths, shoulder requirements, curb, gutter and sidewalk standards for major arterials, collectors, and residential streets throughout the Delridge planning area. Coordinate local improvement projects to provide adequate room for traffic needs, on-street parking, and adjacent pedestrian and bicyclist activities.

Traffic improvements

Signals

- 1 Left-turn onto Andover from Delridge
- 2 Traffic at Genesee/Delridge
- 3 Pedestrian activated at 24th/Sylvan
- 4 Traffic at Delridge/Webster

Turnina lanes

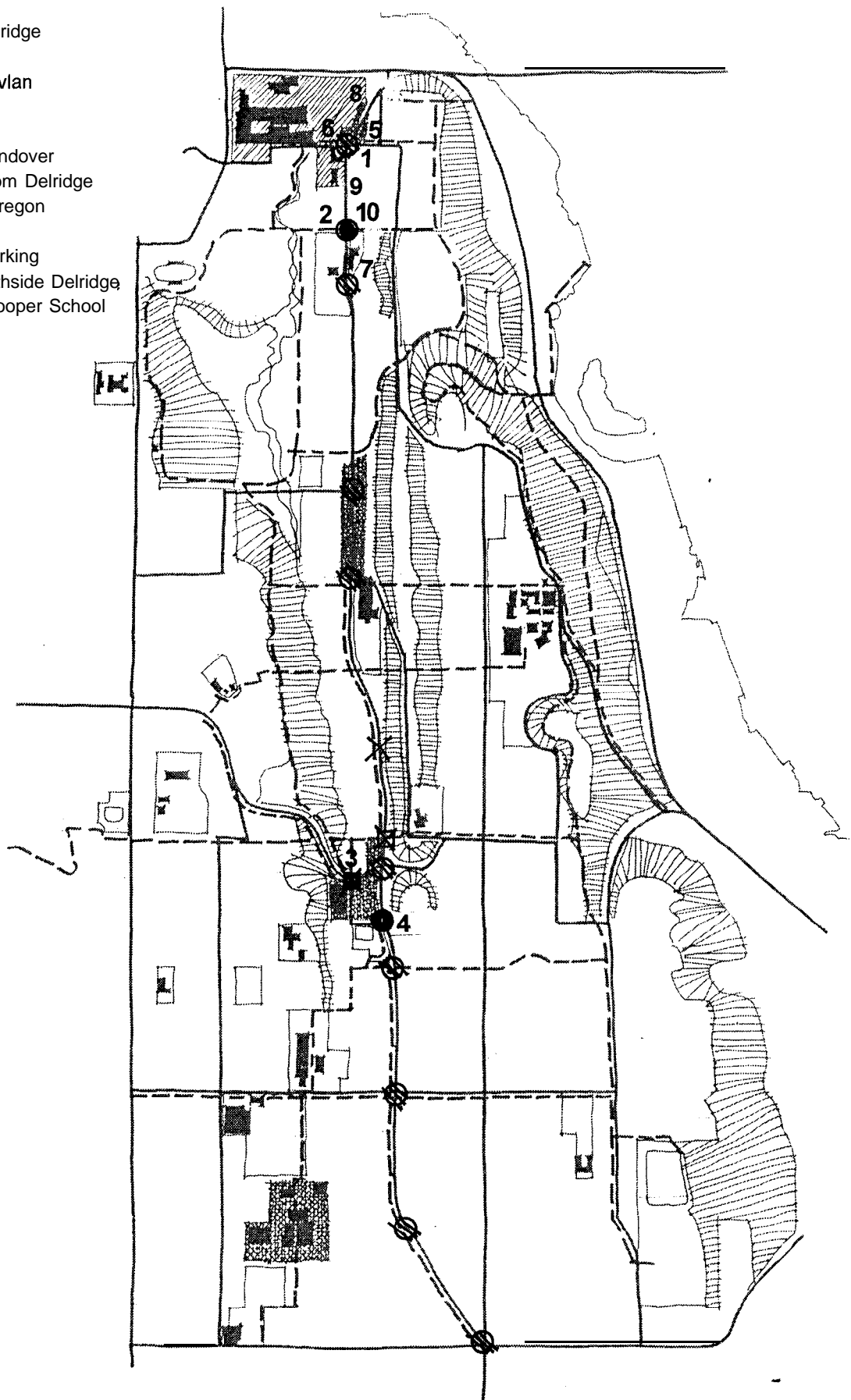
- 5 Right-turn onto Delridge from Andover
- 6 Right-turn only onto Andover from Delridge
- 7 Right-turn onto Delridge from Oregon

Other improvements

- 8 Extend Charleston west with parking
- 9 Restrict morning parking on northside Delridge
- 10 One-way access through Old Cooper School

Existina signals

- 0 Traffic signal
- X Pedstrian crosswalk
- [X] Pedstrian activated



- Maintain effective road, traffic and parking interfaces between present and eventual circulation patterns on Delridge Way and with Andover, Genesee, Alaska, Brandon, Juneau, 25th, Sylvan Way/Orchard, and Webster intersections. Maintain long range road and channelization, signal, and signing plans that resolve traffic and safety conflicts, and promote compatible land use developments.
- In association with business node property owners, create parking plans that develop the backlots of Delridge business district properties. Establish local parking and business improvement districts - if appropriate, to resolve each node's parking needs and potentials.

Key Recommendations

- Improved maintenance of existing roadways throughout the planning area. Fix potholes and improve spot drainage situations.
- See Section 2.2 for other specific recommendations

Goal 3: Bikeways

A community that provides effective, safe, and efficient bikeway access to local and regional destinations.

Objectives

- Create an integrated system of regional and local oriented on and off-road bicycle routes that access local residential neighborhoods, parks, schools, community facilities, business districts - and regional employment, commercial, and recreational destinations.

Key Recommendations

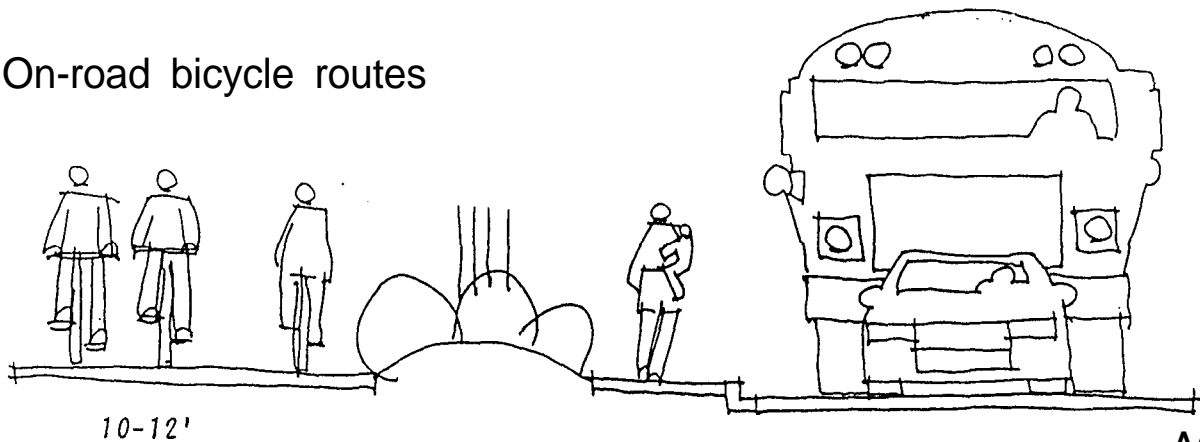
North/south segments of a community loop system:

- Avalon Way - from 35th to Harbor Street.
- 35th Avenue - from Avalon Way to Roxbury Street.
- 21st Avenue - from Andover Street to Dawson Street to 16th Avenue.
- Marginal Way - from Spokane Street south through the Duwamish.
- 16th Avenue - from Dawson Street to Roxbury Street.
- 30th Avenue - from Sylvan Way to Roxbury Street.
- 9th Avenue/Highland Park - from Marginal Way to Roxbury Street.

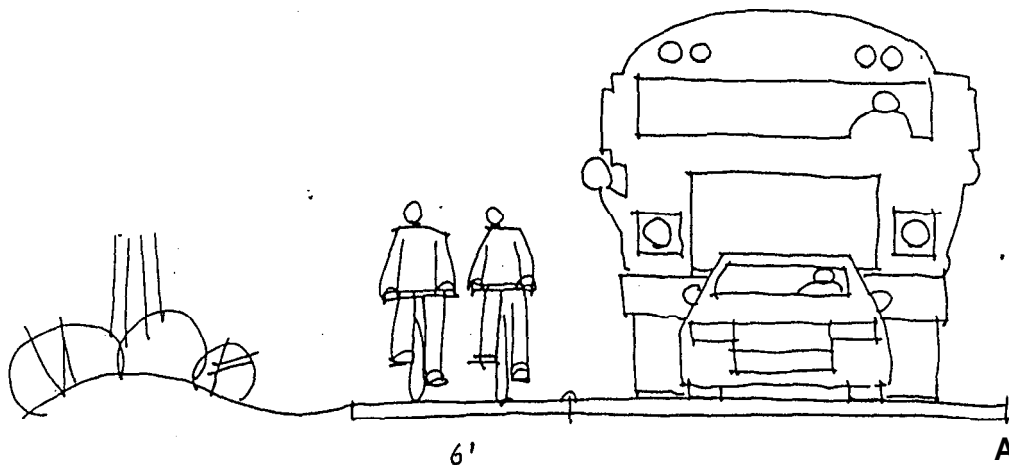
East/west segments of a community loop system:

- Spokane Street - from Avalon Way east to Marginal Way.
- Andover Street - from Avalon Way to 21st Avenue.
- Brandon Street (Snake Hill) - from 35th Avenue to Delridge Way.
- Sylvan Way/Orchard Street - from 35th Avenue to Highland Park.
- Thistle Street - from 35th Avenue to 9th Avenue.

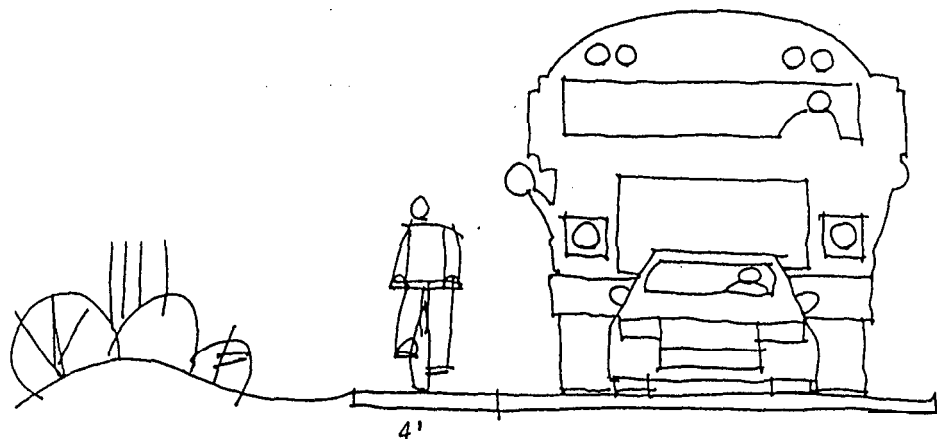
On-road bicycle routes



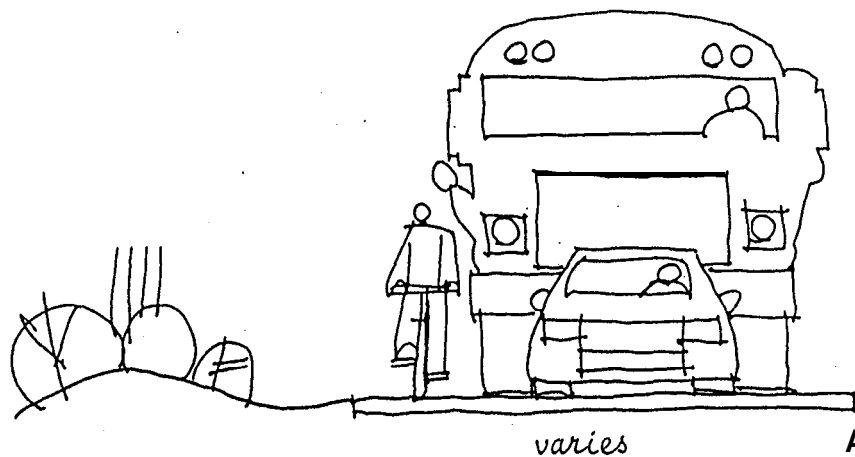
AASHTO Class 1



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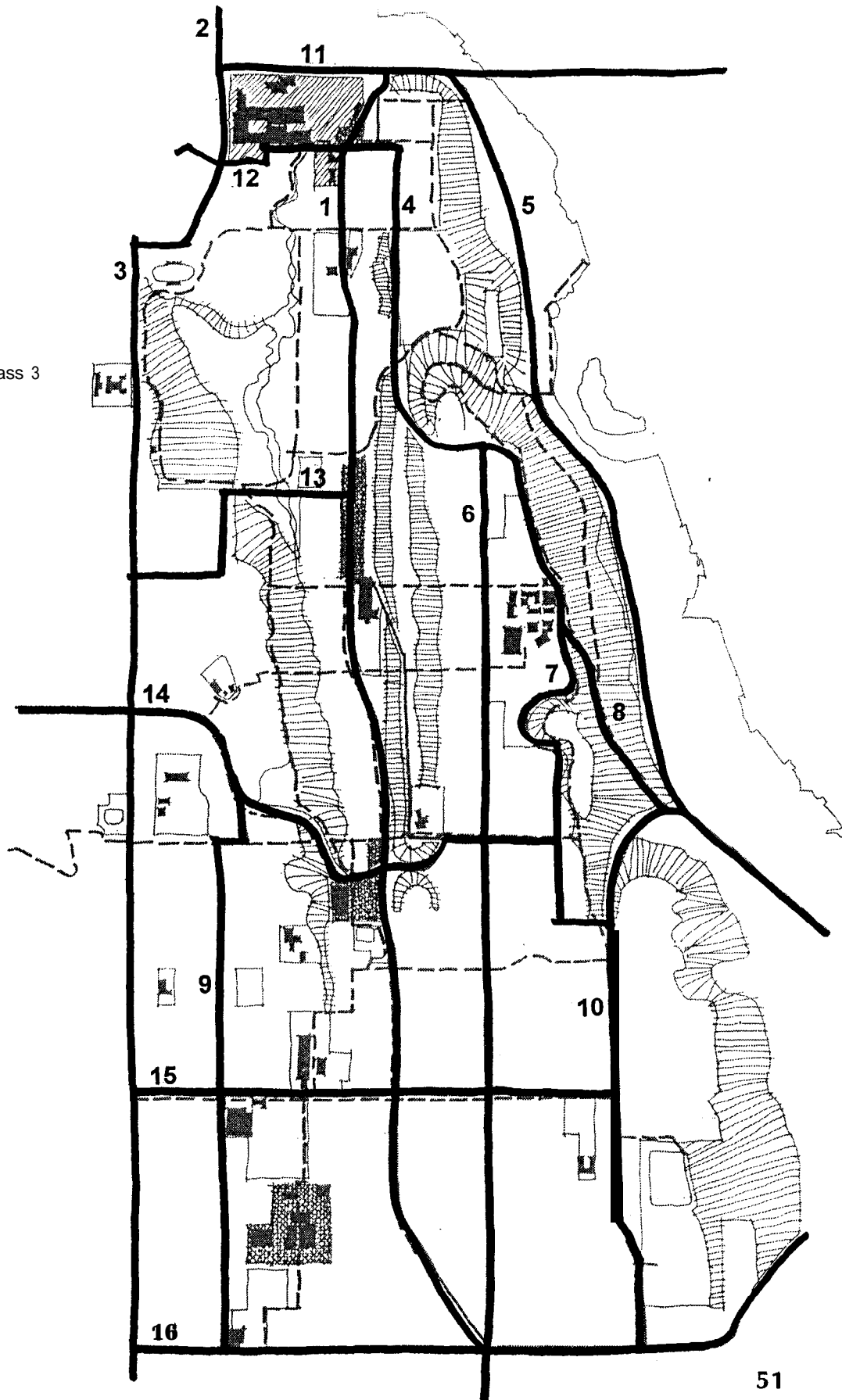
Bicycle routes

North/south

- 1 Delridge Way - Class 3
- 2 Alki Point - Class 2
- 3 35th Ave - Class 3
- 4 21 st Ave - Class 4
- 5 Marginal Way - Class 2
- 6 16th Ave - Class 4
- 7 **SSCC/Riverview** - Class 2
- 8 Duwamish Hillside - Class 2
- 9 30th Ave - Class 4
- 10 9th Ave/**Highland** - Class 3

East/West

- 11 Spokane Street - Class 3
- 12 Andover Street - Class 3
- 13 **Brandon Street** - Class 3
- 14 Sylvan Way/**Orchard Street** - Class 3
- 15 Thistle Trail - Class 3
- 16 **Roxbury Street** Class 3



- Roxbury Street - from 35th Avenue to Olson Place/1st Avenue.

Unopened roadways:

- SSCC - from Dawson Street behind campus buildings to 12th Avenue and Riverview Playfield to Webster Street and Highland Park.
- Duwamish Hillside - from behind SSCC campus down hillside to Highland Park and Marginal Way.

Goal 4: Streetscape

A community that provides inviting, safe, and interesting pedestrian sidewalks and walkways between commercial and public activity areas, and adjacent parking areas, transit stops, and residential neighborhoods.

Objectives

- Maintain pleasing visual corridors along major roads, especially Delridge Way, and other neighborhood streets to reflect natural beauty and atmosphere. Install landscape screens, berms, and other natural material or design buffers particularly about urban commercial uses that front on or are visible from adjacent residential areas or roadways.
- Develop a pedestrian oriented environment along Delridge Way that integrates adjacent storefront activities with transit, parking, bikeways, and walking areas. Furnish this enhanced pedestrian environment with street trees, landscaping, overhead storefront awnings, benches, trash receptacles, signage, bike racks, artworks, and other furnishings unique to Delridge. Calm traffic on Delridge Way through the nodes of activity using crosswalk curbing extensions, expanded crosswalk markings and pavings, median planters, and other devices.
- Develop street improvements that feature curb/gutter/sidewalk throughout Delridge that allows residents to walk safely and comfortably throughout the neighborhood.

Key Recommendations

- Delridge Way streetscape - modify the existing roadway to provide the following functional and visual enhancements:
 - sidewalks - 12 foot with furniture and trees on both sides of the street through the community nodes, and 6 foot with planter with trees on both sides of the street in residential areas,
 - parking lanes - 8 foot on both sides of the street - within parking pockets outside of the east shoulder of the roadway north of Genesee to accommodate HOV lanes,
 - bike lanes - 4 foot on both sides of the street including through the intersection crosswalk curb extensions,
 - traffic lanes - 11 foot in both directions (15 foot through the intersections including the bike lane),
 - center turning lane - 12 foot at the intersection (105 foot minimum length accommodating 5-6 cars at a minimum),

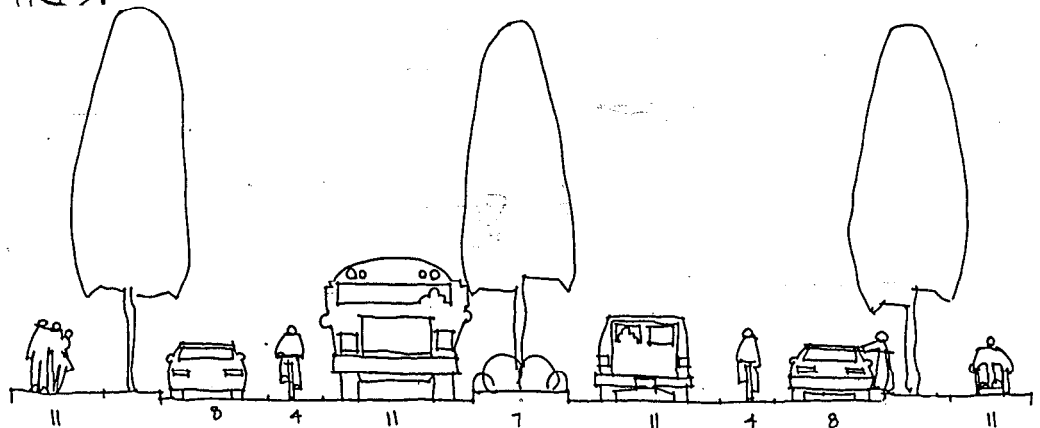
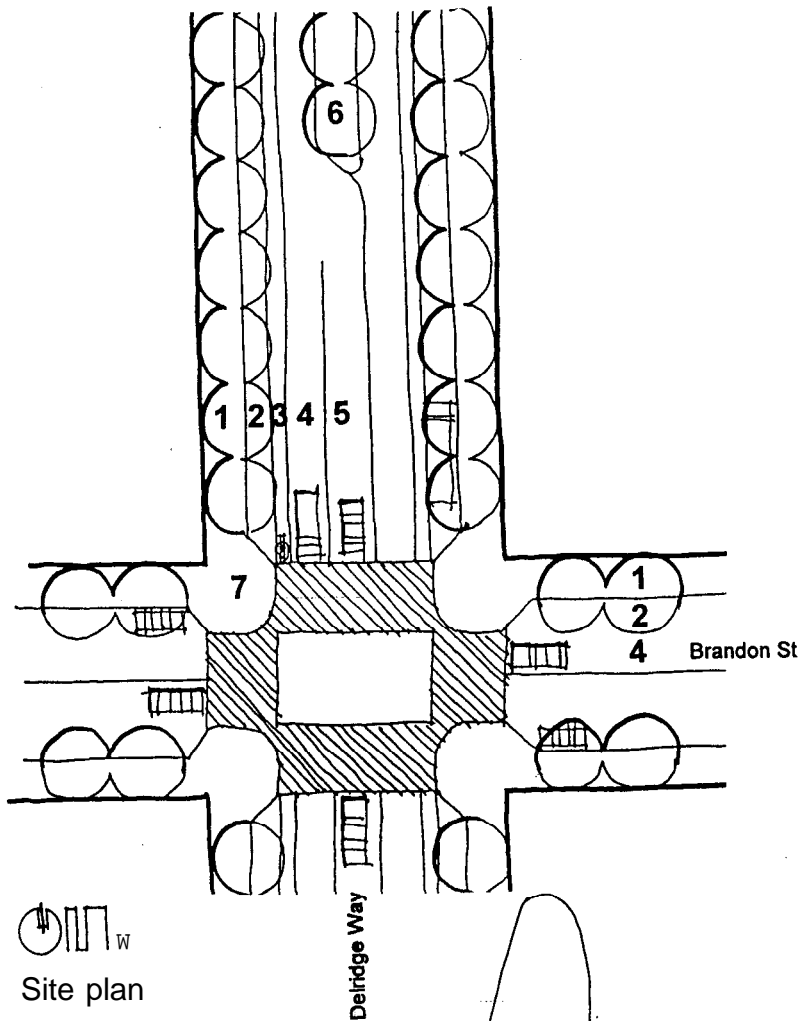
Delridge Way Improvements

Delridge Way - typical

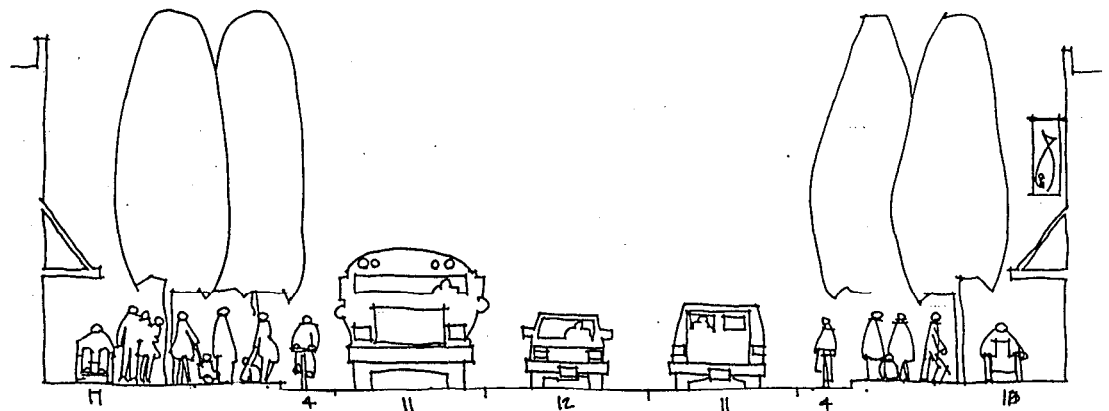
- 1 Sidewalk - 12 foot with furniture and trees in nodes
6 foot with 4 foot planter in residential areas
- 2 Parking lane - 8 foot
- 3 Bike lane - 4 foot through intersections
- 4 Traffic lanes - 11 foot (15 foot including bike)
- 5 Turning lane - 12 foot (105 foot minimum length)
- 6 Median - 7-12 foot with trees and plantings
- 7 Curb extensions - 8 foot (17-18 foot total)

Brandon Street - typical

- 1 Sidewalk - 12 foot with furniture and trees in nodes
- 2 Parking lane - 8 foot
- 4 Traffic lanes - 15 foot
- 7 Curb extensions - 8 foot (17-18 foot total)



Typical section - midblock



Typical section - intersection

- center median - 7-12 foot with trees, ground cover plantings, and **artworks** at the gateway intersections,
- sidewalk curb extensions - 8 foot (through the parking lane) at the intersections to provide 17-18 foot total sidewalk area.
- Delridge Way streetscape segments - depending on priorities and funding, modify the roadway in the following segments:
 - Charleston Street to Genesee Street,
 - Genesee Street to Alaska Avenue,
 - Alaska Street to Puget Boulevard,
 - Puget Boulevard to Juneau Street,
 - Juneau Street to Myrtle Street, and
 - Myrtle Street to Webster Street.
- Delridge Neighborhood street improvements – develop a street improvement plan for the Delridge neighborhood that prioritizes areas for future street improvements including:
 - Mapping where street improvements (curbs, gutters and sidewalks) currently exist/do not exist.
 - Map walking routes to neighborhood schools, business districts, parks and other important community amenities
 - Work with the community to establish a system to prioritize locations for sidewalks
 - Develop a plan for financing and completing street improvements over time.

3.2: Housing

Vision

A community that is home to a range of household types, family sizes and incomes - including seniors and families with children. A community that preserves and enhances the residential character of single family neighborhoods within the Delridge community while providing a range of housing types to fit the diversity of Delridge families.

Objectives

- Expand housing options to provide a broad choice of housing types, locations, tenures, and prices. Provide housing opportunities for every type and age of household to include the traditional and extended families, single-headed households, individuals, and the elderly.
- Modify existing zoning or establish overlays that increase the variety of housing products including detached single-family, detached lot line, duplex, townhouse, multiplex, and garden apartments (See Section 2.2 for specific rezone proposals).
- Allow clustering and planned unit residential developments to increase housing products, create common open space, and conserve significant environmental characteristics of the land, like wooded areas, scenic views, wildlife habitat, and the like (See Section 2.2 for specific rezone proposals).
- Within the neighborhood anchors, increase density and housing product options to provide a variety of attached single-family (duplex/triplex, town or row houses), multiple-family products (multistory condominiums and apartments), and mixed use structures (See Section 2.2 for specific rezone proposals).

Key Recommendations

- High Point - promote mixed income housing at High Point consistent with the Hope VI plan.
- Old Cooper School North - consider developing additional housing on the north portion of the school site to offset the cost of redeveloping the historic school building.
- Affordable housing incentives -with input from community residents and organizations, consider fine tuning existing Special Objective Area (SOA) policies to:
 - continue the prohibition – on new construction of subsidized units in the 0-30% of median income range (except for mutual housing),
 - promote -the development of new units in the 30-65% of median income range,
 - purchase and preserve - existing “affordable” rental housing complexes to preserve affordability over the long term,
 - create - a lease-to-own purchase option program,
 - expand - the down payment assistance program for first-time home buyers,

- create - a community land trust (ground lease) program to retain long term affordability of ownership housing for families with incomes in the 50-80% of median income range,
- Housing design guidelines - create design guidelines for single and multiple family housing developments to provide:
 - access driveways - for tandem housing projects,
 - mother-in-law - housing unit additions and adaptations,
 - accessory - housing unit additions to provide rental housing opportunities,
 - assisted living units - for elderly and the infirm,
- Housing rehabilitation and reclamation programs - support a non-profit community development organization to:
 - condemn – purchase and rehabilitate vacant and absentee houses,
 - rehabilitate - single family buildings for existing low and moderate income owner/occupants,
 - enhance - existing housing structures with porches, entries, and other amenities,
 - expand - existing buildings with accessory housing including rental units over the garage, mother-in-law units, and other innovative shelters.

3.3: People and community services

Provide a neighborhood environment where all types of diversity can be appreciated and celebrated, where the arts are integral to community life, and where programs and services exist to meet the needs of those living and working in Delridge.

Vision

Delridge is a community of neighborhoods with tremendous diversity: people from all cultures; long-time residents and newcomers; young and old; people who own and rent homes; and those who work in a variety of jobs. Our vision is of a Delridge community where all people feel safe and welcome, and have the opportunity to participate in community, express what is most important to them, and meet their social, economic, and recreational needs.

Goal 1: Community diversity

A community that understands, learns from and has ample opportunities to celebrate it's diversity.

Objectives

- Create opportunities for cultural sharing, education, understanding and celebration, and enhancement of multicultural participation and appreciation efforts.
- Develop fine and performing arts facilities and resources in Delridge.

Key Recommendations

- Delridge Atlas - Provide City assistance and data to utilize, maintain, update and make available to the community, the Delridge Atlas and GIS data base of Delridge created by DNDA.
- Umbrella cultural & arts outreach - create an umbrella organization with assistance from the Seattle Arts Commission and Arts West to commission, develop, and install art in Delridge including works by artists-in-residence, arts school students, and students of local school and other organizations.
- Multicultural outreach - create an umbrella outreach steering committee involving local churches, clubs, and other social organizations.
- Multicultural communications - develop methods of promoting multicultural interactions between neighborhood residents including:
 - cultural history inserts - in local Delridge newspapers,
 - calendar/bulletin boards - listing events, places, organizations,
 - advertising - on Metro bus routes through Delridge,
 - surveys - of activities residents are interested in, and
 - maps - of cultural, historical, and community facilities and places of interest.
- Multicultural events - sponsor, organize, and conduct the following multicultural outreach activities and programs:
 - revive and expand the Delridge Community Festival
 - community wide conference - on multicultural issues,
 - block parties - during community festivals,

- annual celebrations - of important cultural events,
 - plays and dramas - depicting cultural contributions to early Delridge history,
 - oral interviews - of early settlers and immigrants from each ethnic group,
 - youth project fairs - promoting cultural identifications and recognition,
 - farmers market, swap meet or barter fairs - for cultural exchanges,
 - gender-based recognition activities - for women and girls,
- Multicultural activities center - develop a facility to house:
 - language classes - including a language translation network,
 - multicultural activities - providing library, films, and other education and entertainment opportunities.

Goal 2: Security and safety

A community where all people feel safe and welcome.

Objectives

- Organize and train community residents to control local crime and public safety issues and to reverse the low income/high crime image of Delridge.
- Conduct an environmental security design and planning program for Delridge business, public facility, and other high activity areas.
- Inventory existing emergency planning/response resources and develop a neighborhood plan utilizing block watch infrastructure.

Key Recommendations

- Monitoring - work with the Seattle Police Department to monitor gang and hate group activities in the neighborhood.
- Block watch - expand the block watch and crime prevention program to include:
 - public education/awareness programs - about car prowls, vandalism, graffiti, abandoned vehicles,
 - neighborhood security patrols - to monitor and report crime conditions,
 - volunteer training - in crime and incident prevention techniques,
 - proactive crime prevention program - involving neighborhood youth,
 - on-site manager - requirements to control crime in problem apartment complexes,
 - graffiti monitors - to control gang signing and other territorial markings and vandalism, and
 - language translator corps - to assist resident and police communications.
- Police services - locate a West Seattle Police Precinct in Delridge to:
 - increase - patrol officers and incident investigation staff and responses, and
 - integrate -West Seattle response computers into local networks.
- Checklist - establish a public security design checklist for new project design reviews at DCLU.

- Lighting - work with Seattle City Light to create an energy-efficient security lighting program for:
 - residential - porch lights,
 - public places - including Delridge Playfields, New Cooper Elementary School, Cooper/Boren School, Sanislo Elementary School,
 - transit - shelters and shops, and
 - roadways and sidewalks – street, hillclimb, and pedestrian lighting improvements.
- Centers - create emergency preparedness operations centers at the Delridge Community Center, Boren/Cooper School, New Cooper School, and Sanislo Elementary School.
- Instruction - conduct classes in first-aid and CPR classes for neighborhood residents.
- Annual event - conduct a disaster planning event as part of the annual Delridge Community Festival.

Goal 3: Public facilities

A community that provides public facilities of interest and service to community residents that reflect the community and its residents.

Objectives

- Cooperate with the City of Seattle, Seattle School District, Port of Seattle, King County, South Seattle Community College, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, and other public and private agencies to provide quality public services and facilities for residents of the Delridge community.
- Develop indoor community and recreational centers that provide for specialized community activities and athletic uses on a year-round basis. Develop, if appropriate, a select number of centers that are oriented to the most significant indoor activities for multi-agency use, possibly in conjunction with the Seattle School District at New Cooper School and in the retrofit and modernization of Boren/Cooper School.
- Incorporate historical and cultural sites, artifacts and facilities into the park and open space system to preserve these interests and provide a balanced social experience. Work with historical and cultural groups to incorporate community activities into the park and recreational program including such important sites as the Herring's House, Youngstown School (Old Cooper School), Delridge Tavern (Madison Cafe), and others.

Key Recommendations

- Delridge Branch, Seattle Public Library - locate a new branch library facility in the central neighborhood anchor to provide convenient access to neighborhood residents and support development efforts within the neighborhood anchor. Use extra effort to make the library a truly multi-cultural facility including multi-lingual books and other media, etc.
- Youth Activities Center - develop a facility and program for youth activities to provide:
 - volunteer and employment programs - including work with the Parks Department maintaining local greenbelts and public places,

- late night activities - including outdoor summer movies and midnight basketball,
- transit services - to nearby community and recreation centers, and other after-school activities,
 - arts programs - including fine and performing arts opportunities.
- Consider the re-use of the Cooper/Boren school in the event that it is no longer needed as a school facility.
- Post Office - establish a 98106 post office facility within the central node.

Goal 4: Human Development

A community in which all players work together to take a “whole community” approach to human development, recognizing that, with the proper tools and resources, families and neighbors can provide for a great deal of their own needs and that working together with public and private agencies, all of the needs of the community can be met.

Objectives

- Involve the whole community including human service providers, community organizations, churches and neighbors in assisting those in need.
- Make services available to the broadest cross section of the community as possible.
- Developing programs that are effective at addressing the needs of individuals and families without treating people as defective.

Key Recommendations

- Human Services Steering Committee - coordinate human services programs to be more culturally sensitive and to address the unique needs of youth, elderly, and recent immigrants.
- Complete a West Seattle inventory, needs assessment, and human development strategic plan to guide service delivery and funding over the next 20 years.
- Outreach services - integrate the following outreach services and programs to create an age and culturally appropriate human development program:
 - co-locate - human service programs in schools and community centers to improve access and visibility to resident clients,
 - link - churches and other private organizations into the human services provider network,
 - develop - a ‘community volunteer corps to provide services to elderly in the home,
 - improve communication – Develop a multifaceted set of communication/public outreach tools to better serve clients and increase knowledge of available services, Tools may include a WEB page, written flyers, non-written communications, and public service announcements.
- Work with other West Seattle neighborhoods and agencies to develop a Human Services Provider Information Network to result in more knowledgeable referral information for consumers of human services.

- Mapping/Tracking – human development indicators (such as demographic, school, health statistics) that assist human service providers plan and assess the impact of their programs within the community.

Goal 5: Neighborhood Plan Stewardship

Providing the leadership to create partnerships and linkages, initiate projects, oversee progress and involve the community and the City in implementing the recommendations and the spirit of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan.

Objectives

- Continue to involve the community in the dialogue and work involved in implementing the neighborhood plan.
- Maximize the amount and effectiveness off funding available for Public investments in Delridge that is consistent with the implementation of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan.
- Create and take advantage of opportunities for partnerships with public and private projects that can leverage City efforts toward the implementation of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan.

Key Recommendations

- Fund the staff and organizational capacity within the community to provide community-based stewardship of the Delridge Plan.

3.4: Economic development

Vision

A community that provides economic development opportunities that benefit all residents of the community; recognizes diversity, gives young people a “head start”; keeps wealth within the community; and that integrates with nature.

Objectives

- Help create employment opportunities within the Delridge economy, particularly for residents who now commute to other distant employment areas and shoppers who frequent out-of-area convenience retail centers. Participate with other public agencies and private interests in marketing projects, labor force training programs, and other efforts to attract new businesses to the Delridge area.
- Create local employment, shopping, and other urban service activities that will reduce Delridge's dependence upon and local resident travel requirements outside of the area.
- Reserve strategic lands and sites for employment related developments. Provide a suitable supply of commercial, retail, business, office, and industrial lands that will provide for all Delridge area sustenance requirements and reduce commuting requirements to outside areas for base related employment opportunities.
- Work with public agencies and private interests to identify and promote sites that can be suitably developed for a variety of local employment projects including suitable industrial, business, office, commercial, and entertainment centers - especially within mixed use structures within the nodal activity centers.
- Encourage local business development opportunities, particularly for small and start-up businesses that may be owned by or employ Delridge residents. Promote the local use of special small business financing and management assistance programs. Help identify facilities that may be used for small business start-ups including older structures that may be suitably reused for business purposes.
- Help local private groups structure special improvement districts including parking and business improvement authorities, local improvement districts or other programs necessary to the effective revitalization of the proposed nodal activity centers along Delridge Way. Participate in special public/private economic development ventures when such ventures provide public benefits and are appropriate to Delridge's long range goals.
- Establish a local marketing strategy for Delridge's nodal activity centers. Develop a detailed strategy for marketing and promoting the development of Delridge's commercial and mixed use lands opportunities.

Key Recommendations

- Job support - Enhance existing and support new programs including:
 - language assistance - including English lessons and translation services,

- education programs - including technical proficiency and training skills,
- daycare'- for pre and after school dependents, and in-resident adults,
- transportation - services to major outside job centers.
- Job opportunities - Support existing and develop new programs particularly the City of Seattle's Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI) to provide employment-related benefits to Delridge residents including:
 - education - create coordinated curriculum between local schools and major area employers,
 - apprenticeships - develop job opportunities on local public works projects,
 - hire-local - enhance advertisement and placement programs,
 - placement - including employer forums and headhunter services,
 - communication - improve job advertisement networks using local social and public service organizations, and
 - employment opportunity centers - establish evenings, weekends, and other after-hours opportunities at local computer labs, the South Seattle Community College employment center and the State Department of Social and Health Services Community Service Office.
- Business development - Create new programs including:
 - business incubator - establish space and services for small and start-up enterprises, and
 - buy-local - develop programs to promote recycling expenditures within the neighborhood.
- Business opportunity - Design new programs including:
 - farmer's market - develop cooperatives and other worker-owned enterprises, and
 - bartering networks - and other alternative economic resource sharing.